



A CATHOLIC CEMETERY...A PLACE OF FAITH

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Once every five to eleven years Cemetery Sunday (the first Sunday of November) and All Souls Day (November 2) fall on the same day. This is one of those special days of faith.

This day affords us the opportunity to remember in a “spiritual way” through our prayers all our beloved dead asking God to grant them a place of eternal rest, peace, and joy. And it is in visiting a cemetery that we remember and show in a “physical way” respect for the final resting place of their mortal remains.

It is a day in which we can share in the words of the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II...

“For the souls in purgatory, waiting for eternal happiness and for meeting the Beloved is a source of suffering, because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. But there is also the certitude that once the time of purification is over, the souls will go to meet the One it desires.”

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